disposed of on orders of the late Shri Bhan Singh, the then Secretary, SGPC. The Army is now not holding any other documents of historical nature. Every article or item, removed from the Golden Temple premises, has been accounted for by the Army.

Crime rate in the Capital

*58. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crime rate in the Capital has shot up in the past few months;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Police have totally failed to check the crime in the capital;

(c) the details of heinous crimes committed in the capital during the past one year and achievements of the Delhi Police in checking such crimes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to streamline/strengthen the Delhi Police?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir. Though there was some increase in crime during the period May-August, 1998, it registered a downward trend during the subsequent two months.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The number of heinous crimes, head-wise, reported during the year 1997 and upto 31st October, 1998 and the number of cases worked out by Delhi Police during the same period is given at statement (*see* below). The measures taken to improve the policing in the National Capital Territory include intensification of patrolling especially from 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M.; surveillance over the activities of known criminals; improved intelligence gathering; raids over the places of ill repute and suspected hideouts of criminals; and high visibility of police in the vulnerable areas. This was backed by periodic reviews, at various levels, of the police functioning in the National Capital Territory.

Besides, Delhi Police Force has been strengthened by creation of 17 additional Police Stations. It has also been decided to modernise the communication network between the Central Police Control Room and PCR Vans by installing a state-of-art UHF Digital Turnked Radio system.

Statement

List of heinous crimes committeed in the capital during 1997 and upto October, 1998 and the cases worked out by Delhi Police during the same period

Crime Head	1997		1998 (upto 31.10.98)	
	Cases reported	Cases worked out	Cases reported	Cases worked out
Dacoity	37	35	54	37
Murder	575	434	550	314
Attempt to murder	506	475	521	420
Robbery	625	491	680	441
Riot	211	198	167	135
Rape	544	496	372	316
Kidnapping for ransom	17	13	23	17